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PARIS FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT
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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION MEMBER LINKS JACKSON PRESSURES ON
USSR WITH ALLIED APPROACH TO CSCE

1. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY MOERSCH INFORMED
AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND OCTOBER 31 THAT BUNDESTAG
OPPOSITION MEMBER VON STAUFFENBERG (CSU) HAD SUBMITTED
A QUESTION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR REPLY NEXT WEEK IN THE
BUNDESTAG. THE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PREPARED, IN THE
COMING NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR IN MOSCOW,
TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE FREE EMIGRATION OF GERMANS
(VOLKSDEUTSCHE) FROM THE SOVIET UNION' AND TO MAKE
ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS DEPENDENT ON A SETTLEMENT OF THIS
HUMANITARIAN QUESTION; AND IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
PREPARED--SIMILAR TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACTION OF SENATOR
JACKSON AND THE MAJORITY IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ON
BEHALF OF THE FREE EMIGRATION OF JEWISH CITIZENS FROM
THE SOVIET UNION--TO PROPOSE OR SUPPORT A COMMON
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INITIATIVE OF THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS IN CSCE FOR A

CSCE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FREE EMIGRATION OF
CITIZENS OF COMMUNIST STATES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
NATIONALITY, RELIGION, PROFESSION AND PLACE OF
RESIDENCE, AND TO MAKE ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS OF THE
WEST TO COMMUNIST STATES (BASKET II OF CSCE) DEPENDENT
ON THE AGREEMENT OF THESE STATES TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT
(IN BASKET III OF CSCE)? END TEXT.

2. MOERSCH TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND THAT HE HAD
TRIED TO GET THE OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP (CARSTENS) TO
REMOVE THE QUESTION FROM THE DOCKET. CARSTENS SAID HE
WAS UNABLE TO DO SO. MOERSCH TOLD US THAT HE WOULD
THEREFORE BE FACED WITH REPLYING TO THIS QUESTION IN
SOME FASHION NEXT WEEK IN THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT.
AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND TOLD HIM THAT WE HOPE THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD DEAL WITH THE QUESTION IN A
NON-POLEMICAL WAY THAT WOULD AVOID BRINGING THE US/USSR
RELATIONSHIP INTO DISCUSSION.
HILLENBRAND

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